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SUBJECT: EMBASSY SUPPORT TO USLOK UNDER FAAS

REF: (A) 76 STATE 306744, (B) 76 KUWAIT 5910.

1. A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT USLOK SUPPORT UNDER FAAS HAVE BEEN RAISED BY REF. IN PRESENTING USLOK FMS CASE TO THE GOK, (REF B), USLOK HAS HAD TO WORK UP COSTS OF ITS VARIOUS ELEMENTS. AMONG THESE IS EMBASSY SUPPORT. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GIVE USLOK AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF WHAT THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR EMBASSY SUPPORT IN FY 77 BASED ON THE SERVICES REQUESTED ON SAS-1 IN MAY 76) AND WHAT THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY IN FY 78 DEPENDING ON THE LEVEL OF SERVICES WHICH THEY REQUEST FOR THAT YEAR. A NUMBER OF RELATED QUESTIONS ABOUT FAAS HAVE ALSO ARISEN.

2. THE THREE DAS LOCAL POSITIONS UNDERDISCUSSION IN THE REFTELS WILL BE ENCUMBRED FOR ONLY PART OF FY 77. WILL USLOK BE CHARGED ONLY FOR THE SALARY COSTS ACTUALLY INCURRED, OR FOR THE ANNUALIZED COST THEREOF?

3. THE DAS NURSE POSITION (059-044) HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF FY 77 AND WE SUSPECT THAT IT WILL REMAIN VACANT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AS WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT
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IT NOT BE FILLED. WILL THE SERVICED AGENCIES NONETHELESS BE CHARGED FOR THE COSTS OF THIS POSITION? WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE IT IN OUR FAAS ESTIMATES.

4. 76 A-5835 INFORMED US THAT ALL C&R POSITIONS ARE NOW CORE. WE HAVE ONE C&R POSITION (55-048) WHICH IS,

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OR AT LEAST WAS, A DAS POSITION. WILL THE SERVICED
AGENCIES BE CHARGED FOR THIS C&R POSITION IN FY 77?

5. USLOK WILL COMPRISE PRESONNEL WHO ARE FUNDED
OUT OF THREE DIFFERENT FMS CASES AND ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO
IS FUNDED BY THE USG. USLOK HAS REQUESTED THAT FOR
FY 78, DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SERVICE BE PROVIDED TO
DIFFERENT FMS CASES UNDER FAAS. USLOK WANTS THIS
ARRANGEMENT BECAUSE THE CASES WERE NEGOTIATED AT DIFFERENT
TIMES AND EACH CASE PROVIDES FOR DIFFERING AMOUNTS OF
SERVICES IN KIND FROM THE GOK WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE
BE PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY UNDER FAAS. SHOULD THE EMBASSY
SIGN SAS-1 (OR FAAS-1, WHATEVER IT IS NOW) AGREEMENTS
FOR EACH FMS CASE AND KEEP FOUR SETS OF FAAS
STATISTICS? OR SHOULD WE SIGN ONE AGREEMENT WITH THE
CHIEF OF USLOK AND LEAVE IT TO HIM TO DIVIDE UP THE
CHARGES AMONG THE VARIOUS CASES. (CHIEF USLOK PREFERS
THE FORMER).

6. WILL USLOK BE CHARGED FOR ANY "WASHINGTON COSTS"
OTHERN THAN AMERICAN SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES; ANY COSTS
OF WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE AND CANNOT ESTIMATE HERE?

7. WHEN WILL DOD GET THE BILL FOR USLOK'S FY 77 FAAS
SERVICES? IS BILLING QUARTERLY OR AFTER END OF FY.

8. WE ASSUME THAT THE FAAS PERCENTAGES SUBMITTED IN
OUR A-52 (6/5/76) AND REVISED IN A-71 (8/25/76) WILL
BE USED TO DISTRIBUTE THE DAS PERSONNEL AND OTHER OBJECT
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COSTS FOR FY 77. IS THIS CORRECT? THESE PERCENTAGES
WERE DEVELOPED ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS IN 76 A-2078.
THEY ARE BASED ON THE SITUATION ON AND PRIOR TO MAY 30,
1976. SINCE USLOK IS AN EXPANDING OFFICE, ITS SIZE
RELATIVE TO OTHER SERVICED AGENCIES AND ITS USE OF
FAAS SERVICES DURING FY 77 WILL BE MUCH LARGER THAN THE
MAY 76 PERCENTAGES INDICATE. THIS WILL RESULT, IN EFFECT,
IN THE TWO OTHER SERVICED AGENCIES (USIS AND FHWA)
SUBSIDIZING USLOK DURING ITS BUILD-UP PERIOD. CAN AND
SHOULD THE FAAS PERCENTAGES SUBMITTED IN 76 BE REVISED
IN LIGHT OF MORE RECENT INDICATORS OF USLOK SIZE?

9. USLOK HAS TOLD US THAT IT WILL NEED TO KNOW IN
IN DOLLARS AND CENTS THE COST OF 100 PERCENT OF THE THREE
DAS POSITIONS BEFORE IT CAN REPLY AS TO WHETHER IT WILL
BE ABLE TO COMMIT FUNDS TO PAY SUCH COSTS FOR
FY 77 AS A SPECIAL ITEM. ANSWERS TO ABOVER WILL ASSIST
US IN CALCULATING THOSE COSTS.

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10. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY BY FEBRUARY 4.
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